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THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A nonwoven substrate comprising at least one undeformed first region and at least one second region, wherein the second region comprises a strained region forming a protruding element extending beyond a surface plane of the substrate, the protruding element locked by a reinforcing means in the second region selected from the group consisting of thermal bonding, chemical bonding, ionic bonding, adhesive bonding and combinations thereof, wherein the nonwoven substrate retains its thickness when wet.
2. (Previously presented) The nonwoven substrate of Claim 1 wherein the nonwoven substrate comprises at least about 20% thermoplastic material and the protruding elements of the second region are locked by means of thermal bonding.
3. (Original) The nonwoven substrate of Claim 2 wherein the second region contains furrows and ridges.
4. (Original) The nonwoven substrate of Claim 3 wherein the second region provides abrasivity when the nonwoven substrate is utilized in cleaning.
5. (Original) A wet wipe comprising the nonwoven substrate of Claim 1.
6. (Original) A wet wipe of Claim 5 wherein a liquid is applied to the nonwoven substrate before use.

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7. (Original) A pre-moistened wet wipe of Claim 5 wherein a liquid is applied to the nonwoven substrate prior to packaging.
8. (Original) The wet wipe of Claim 5 wherein the nonwoven substrate is a laminate of webs comprising of at least one fibrous web.
9. (Original) The wet wipe of Claim 7 wherein the amount of liquid added is in the range of from about 10% to about 500% by weight of the dry nonwoven substrate.
10. (Currently Amended) A wet wipe having a basis weight and a thickness, comprising:
a nonwoven substrate which is subject to a texturing process which does not increase the basis weight, the nonwoven substrate comprising at least one undeformed first region and at least one second region, wherein the second region comprises a strained region forming a protruding element extending beyond the surface plane of the substrate, the protruding element locked by a reinforcing means in the second region, and
a liquid,
wherein the thickness of said wet wipe is at least about 30% greater than the thickness of ~~the wet nonwoven substrate prior to being textured~~ a wet textured wet wipe which does not include protruding elements locked by a reinforcing means.
11. (Original) The wet wipe of Claim 10 wherein the thickness of said wet wipe after being subject to external forces is at least about 30% greater than the thickness of the wet non-textured nonwoven substrate after being subject to external forces.

Claims 12- 20 (canceled).